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Federal Opportunities

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs. *The Department of Labor (DOL)/ Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)* announces funds to design programs to assist eligible veterans who are homeless by providing employment, training, support services and assistance. Eligible applicants include State and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, for-profit/commercial entities, and nonprofit organizations including faith-based and community organizations. The deadline for applications is April 21, 2003. For further information contact Cassandra Willis at (202) 693-4570.

Immigration Related Employment Discrimination Public Education Grants. *The Department of Justice (DOJ)/Civil Rights Division (CRD)* announces funds to conduct public education programs about the rights afforded potential victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of employers under the antidiscrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, employer groups, and State and local government agencies. The deadline for applications is April 21, 2003. Several grants will be awarded ranging in size from \$40,000-\$100,000. For further information, contact Lilia Iraizarry at (202) 616-5594 or oscrt@usdoj.gov.

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (LSL). *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)* announces funds to improve student literacy skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-

date school library materials. Eligible applicants include Local Educational Agencies. The deadline for applications is April 28, 2003. Approximately \$12 million is available to fund 75-100 awards ranging from \$20,000-\$350,000. For further information, contact Margaret McNeely at (202) 260-1335, Beth Fine at (202) 260-1091, or LSL@ed.gov.

Labor-Management Committees FY03. *The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)* announces funds to improve labor-management relationships, job security, and organizational effectiveness by enhancing economic development or involving workers in decisions affecting their working lives. Eligible applicants include State and local units of government, labor-management committees, unions, and certain private nonprofit entities. The deadline for applications is June 28, 2003. Approximately \$1.5 million is available. For further information contact FMCS at (202) 606-8181 or go to: www.fmcs.gov.

National Leadership Grants- Library-Museum Collaboration. *Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)* announces funds to support projects that develop, document, and disseminate model programs of cooperation between libraries and museums. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, community action agencies, private institutions of higher education and State controlled institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003. Award amounts will range from \$15,000-\$500,000. For further information, contact Jeanne McConnell at (202) 606-5389 or jmccConnell@imls.gov.

TRIO Dissemination Partnership (TRIO Dissemination) Program. *The Department of*

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Education (DOED)/Office of Postsecondary Education (OPSE) announces funds to TRIO program grantees to enable them to work with institutions and organizations that are serving low-income and first-generation college students, but do not have TRIO Program grants. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education and private and public institutions and organizations that were carrying out a Federal TRIO grant. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2003. Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 25-30 awards, ranging from \$150,000-\$200,000 for 1 year. For further information, contact Eileen S. Bland or Virginia Mason at (202) 502-7600 or TRIO@ed.gov. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The DC Commission on National and Community Service, National Youth Service Day due March 11, 2003.

The DC Department of Mental Health, Increasing Emergency Preparedness of the District of Columbia-Expanding Mental Health Preparedness to Respond to Disaster due April 1, 2003, at 4:30pm.

Foundation Opportunities

Adoptive Parent Support Groups. *The Collaboration to AdoptUSKids, a project of the US Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau*, is offering parent groups the opportunity to apply for mini-grants. The program supports the efforts of parent groups on behalf of adoptive parents who address the needs of children with special needs. Grants are intended to fund new or existing support groups in the development of new programs or expansion of existing programs. Applicants are encouraged to include plans to involve birthparents, adopted persons, and their siblings in their programs. Support group membership can include a mix of adoptive parents, foster parents,

adopted persons or birthparents, but must include some parents of children who were adopted through the child welfare system. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003. Grants of up to \$4,000 will be awarded. A 25 percent match is required; matching funds can be in-kind or donated services or resources. For more information, see <http://www.adoptuskids.org>.

Technology Grants. *TechFoundation* announced the launch of its TechGrants program for 2003. The program will award technology and capital to help nonprofit organizations implement technology projects in the following areas: e-learning, intranets creation and maintenance, website creation and maintenance, and implementation assistance. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide technology assistance to other nonprofits as a part of their mission. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003. Approximately \$700,000 worth of technology and capital awards will be made this year. For complete award and application information, see: <http://www.techfoundation.org/techgrants>.

Resources & Announcements

Free Seminar for Nonprofits, Home-based Businesses, and Churches. If you or your business – this includes nonprofits – earns more than \$2,000 in gross receipts per year in DC, you are now required to obtain a master business license (MBL) by May 31, 2003 or face a fine of up to \$500. The *H Street Community Development Corporation* will present a free seminar on the master business license requirements for nonprofits, home-based businesses and churches on March 19, 2003, from 6:00pm-7:30pm at H Street Community Development Corporation (CDC), 501 H Street, NE (behind Union Station, street parking available). To RSVP, call (703) 660-9166 by March 17. Please provide your name, affiliation, e-mail and phone number. Seminar is free but space is limited.

Funding Conference. *The Office of Community Services (OCS)*, a department within the *US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families Division (ACF)*, will hold a free conference on March 17, 2003, in Baltimore, MD. OCS has more than

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\$100 million in funding to build the capacity of low-income Americans and to strengthen communities. The conference will cover OCS priorities for 2003, how the federal grants process works, and how to write a winning grant application. Community and faith-based organizations are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, go to:
<http://www.ocskonference.net/>

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) is pleased to announce the official opening of its new resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC will provide technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but does require an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

Low Health Literacy. For too many people, medical language comes across as complex medical jargon and gets in the way of clear health communication that may result in poor health outcomes. Difficulty understanding and acting on health information is called low health literacy. On March 20, 2003, a coalition of organizations that includes industry, professional and patient advocacy groups will unveil a new patient education program designed to promote clear communication between health care providers and patients. This webcast, called A Day of Understanding, will include: an American Medical Association Foundation Briefing from 9:00am-12:10pm; Announcement of Action Agenda and Unveiling of Patient Education Program from 12:30pm-2:00pm; and a Writing Workshop Conducted by Health Literacy Experts from 2:00pm-3:00 pm. The event will be webcast via www.AskMe3.org. You can visit the site on the morning of the Day of Understanding to register and join the webcast. If you are not able to participate in

the live webcast, it will also be available in an archived format.

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